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Rokita Statement on Testimony of Secretary Geithner before Budget Committee

Washington, DC – Today Rep. Todd Rokita issued this statement following the testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner before the House Budget Committee.

“Treasury Secretary Geithner, while a more forthcoming witness than OMB Acting Director Zients, continued to defend the Obama Administration’s agenda of more spending, higher taxes and refusing to lead with shrewd economic policy.

When I questioned Secretary Geithner regarding taxes as a means to solve our debt crisis, he failed to acknowledge that taxes are a legal confiscation of hard-earned taxpayer money by the federal government.

While the Secretary agreed that the coming retirements of the “baby boomer” generation will dramatically impact the federal budget with rising entitlement costs, he failed to offer responsible solutions for paying for these benefits, and would choose to pass the check to the children of tomorrow, only because they are not the constituency of the present.

I refuse to leave this mess for the next generation to pay for.”

Representative Todd Rokita is a Member of the House Budget Committee and represents Indiana’s 4th District.

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